

## SPORTS

When a Home Run Is Not Home  
Run Is Decided by New Rules

Many Conflicts in the Rule Book are Ironed Out. Question of Who is Out if the Batter Interferes with the Catcher One of the Things Decided by the Revisionists.

(By Ed Bang.)  
Defining definitely the possibilities of the coacher is the most important change made in the baseball rules, according to an official bulletin just issued, containing a complete set of the revisions made in the code.

An entire new section has been added to rule 56, which relates to when base runners are out. It is shown as section 17, the former section 17 and 18 in the new rule will be sections 18 and 19. The new section, which governs the actions of the coacher, reads as follows:

"If a coacher at third base touch or hold a base runner at third base, or a base runner who is rounding third base for the home plate, the umpire shall declare such runner out."

When in a home run not a home run? That question in past years has been the subject of much comment. In past years section 2 of rule 43 which governs balls batted outside the ground read as follows:

"A fair batted ball that goes over the fence or into the stand shall entitle the batter to a home run, unless it should pass out of the ground or into a stand at a less distance than 25 feet from the home base, in which case the batter shall be entitled to only two bases."

There has been several cases where a batter after making a home run by hitting the ball over the fence, has been declared out.

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Last year a rather peculiar play came up in one of the prominent minor leagues. With men on second and third and one out, a ball was hit to the shortstop, who, in trying to get the runner at the plate, made a wild throw over the catcher's head, the ball striking in the wire netting which protects the grandstand patrons.

The runner on second, seeing this, slowed down considerably. The wise catcher gave the netting a shake and the ball dropped down. Picking it up he threw to the pitcher, who covered the plate, and the runner originally on second was tagged out at the plate.

The umpire ruled that the batter was out. He argued that had the netting not been there the ball would have gone into the stand, and that on balls thrown into the stand runners are entitled to advance two bases, and that, since the netting was simply for protection, not to make the throwing of the ball into the stand more difficult, the runner was entitled to two bases. He was upheld in his ruling by the league president.

This year the rules committee has covered this point by adding the following sentence:

"The umpire shall rule that the batter is out if he attempts to hinder the catcher from fielding or throwing the ball by stepping outside the lines of the batter's position or in any way obstructing or interfering with that player."

A perusal of the above would make it seem that on all interference plays at the plate the batter was always out. Such, however, is not the case. Farther down in the same code, to be exact section 15 of rule 56, we find another interpretation. That section reads as follows:

"The base runner is out if, with one or no one out and a base runner on third base, the batter interferes with a play at the plate."

Thus again we have a sharp conflict. One rule says the batter is always out when interfering with the catcher, then an exception appears. Briefly the interpretation of the two rules is as follows: With runners on any base other than third, the batter is always out when interfering with the catcher; with a runner on third and one or no one out, the runner is out if the batter interferes with the play at the plate; with two out and a runner on third, the batter is out if he interferes with a play at the plate. The rules committee has got away with the conflict this year by adding the following clause at the bottom of section 5 of rule 51:

"Except that the batter shall not be out under this section if the base runner be declared out according to section 15 of rule 56."

Several years ago the rules committee decided that any time a fielder stopped a batted ball by throwing his glove or cap at the ball the batter was entitled to three bases. No action was taken on a thrown ball. Umpires in the big leagues in the few instances that such a play has come up, have always granted the runners two bases, just as if the ball went into the stand or players' bench, which is the rule covering that point.

This year the committee has incorporated a clause in the code which governs the throwing of a cap or glove at a thrown ball. Section 6 of rule 54 now reads:

"If a fielder stop or catch a batted ball with his cap, glove or any part of his uniform, while detached from the proper place on the field, the runner or runners shall be entitled to three bases, if a batted ball, or two bases if a thrown ball."

The rule relative to an umpire being hit by a thrown ball has been

changed entirely. Under the old ruling the ball was only in play when it struck the umpire while on foul territory. Section 7 of rule 54, which covers this play, has been radically changed, and the new section now reads:

"If a thrown or pitched ball strikes the person or clothing of the umpire the ball shall be considered in play and the base runner or runners shall be entitled to all the bases they can make."

In only one instance can the umpire now figure in a thrown ball play. If, while working back of the bat, his person or clothing interferes with the catcher in an attempt to throw, then play shall be suspended, no bases run, and the player entitled to return to his base without liability to be put out. This feature will be covered in section 4 of rule 55, which will now read:

"If the person or clothing of the umpire, while stationed back of the bat, interfere with the catcher in an attempt to throw, the base runner shall return to his base without liability to be put out."

Under the old ruling the coacher could address remarks to the base runner only; the new ruling is not quite so strict; it also permits talking to the batter. This right to the coacher will be contained in the first sentence of rule 55 relative to the coacher. It will read as follows:

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## LINING 'EM OUT

After remaining in eclipse for a week, Nick Palladino, manager of Albuquerque bowlers, again shouldered Tony McNeill out of the spotlight with another high record for local alleys. That makes Nick a sure enough man of mark.

Fort Bayard has the Copper League franchise. We were offered. Those groups have a decidedly sour look. Still, we wish—oh, well, what's the use of wishing? It is always possible to see the Sophomores and the Postal messengers play.

United States is after deserters. So is the Federal League.

Johnny Coulton, bantamweight, never gets his hair mussed in a fight. He is bald.

K. O. Brown is through. In New York the other night he was beaten miserably by Packey Honey in ten rounds. The once great little Dutchman has nothing left. He had only one punch remaining—the swiftness left that made a fortune for him. Had Honey put on full speed during every round he could not have failed to put Brown away.

Headed by Mike and Joe Cantillon, players in Minneapolis are starting a movement to organize a home for needy professional ball players.

The German government has introduced a measure legalizing betting. Winners are to be taxed from 5 to 20 per cent, according to the odds.

Bad Bill Dahlen is to be chief of scouts for the Brooklyn club as a reward for not jumping to the Reds.

Howard Camnitz, who has been financially raising all this legal Cain around Hot Springs probably doesn't know the difference between a court restraining order and a railway lunch check.

We note in a New York contemporary that "Gilbooley has been selected as a temporary adjunct to Chance's old guard. Would some one kindly tag and identify Chance's 'Old Guard'?"

"No rival organization," says the Chicago Evening Post, "can muster up so splendid a continuous chain of pitchers as the Sox—Roy Patterson, Clarke Griffith, Jim Callahan, Doc White, Nick Altrock and Ed Walsh. What's the matter with the grand and continuous chain presented by Edward Plank of Gettysburg, Pa?"

Ty Cobb, premier batter, will hit .500 the coming season. At least Ty made that prediction, accepting Joe Jackson's challenge for a hitting duel.

The Naps and Tigers met in Chattanooga. "I'll bet you out in the batting race this year, sure," Jackson challenged Cobb as they met. "If you do you'll have to hit more than .500, Cobb responded.

Now that John McGraw has put the seal of his disapproval on Houston, comes information that the manager of the Giants has made a tentative offer for the Dallas club. President J. W. Gardner confirmed the information making an offer for a half interest in the Dallas outfit and also stated that John also was fighting on buying a Dallas business block.

Robert Englund, the former Boston American player and manager, is now managing the Fargo, N. D., team.

Sweeney, former captain and second baseman of the Boston Nationals, is battling forth on the Chicago lineup.

The Boston Americans should be very strong in the catching department this summer with Manager Carrigan, Cady, Nunamaker and Thomas showing up in their best form.

The Chicago Americans have been well pleased with their training camp at Paso Robles this spring and it looks as if that place would be selected for future spring trips.

"Doc" White, formerly of the Chicago Americans, pitched for Venice of the Pacific Coast league against his old teammates last week and held them to three hits, Venice winning 5 to 3.

Frank G. Menke, writing for the Hearst service, says that the inferiority of the National to the American league, is due to its retention of its veteran players, and states that in 1913 the old league had on its roster 25 men who played in 1904, naming 15 of them as follows: Wagner, Brennan, Mathewson, Ames, Camnitz, Higgins, Evers, Tinker, McCormick, Brown, Willie, Needham, Doolin, Kling and McLean. Outside of Brown, Willie and Needham, is there any one of that number that could not sign up an American league contract today, if he were a free agent?

Charlie Ebbetts says he sees a pennant in the distance. The distance probably is the Polo grounds across the big bridge.

COLTS WIN TWO GAMES FROM SANTA FE BOWLERS

The Santa Fe bowlers, aided by a handicap, took the first of the three games with Palladino's Colts in the City Handicap league last night, but after that the Colts rolled a couple of 500-games, and there was nothing to it. Palladino hit hard in those two games, topping the timber for 335 and 223. The former score was high mark for the game.

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NO DECISION IN  
KILLIFER CASE  
THIS WEEK

Judge Sessions at Grand Rapids Holds Back Conclusions in Federal Case Against the Catcher

(By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.)  
Grand Rapids, Mich., April 7.—Decision in the suit brought by the Chicago Federal league club to enjoin Catcher William J. Killifer, Jr., from playing with the Philadelphia National league club at any club except the Chicago Federals, will not be returned for several days, according to an announcement made by Judge Clarence W. Sessions in the United States court here today. It had been expected the decision might be rendered today. Judge Sessions explained that he had his opinion ready to file today but held back at the telegraphic request of counsel for both the Chicago Federals and the Philadelphia Nationals, who claimed they had more authority to cite in behalf of their contentions. The authorities will be cited by mail, said the judge, and there will be no further hearing in court.

GALA CARD READY  
FOR FIGHT FANS  
OF ROSWELL

Herrick and Gordon will Perform in the Main Event April 16. Featherweight Title Go.

Rooswell fight fans are among the approaching festival to be held at the Roswell Athletic club, this is the card promoter Fred Sloan has prepared:

Joe Herrick of Kewanee, Ill., vs. Bart Gordon of Joplin, Mo., ten rounds, 156 pounds at 3 p. m.

John Connolly of Roswell vs. Harry Langdon of El Paso, ten rounds at 123 pounds.

Jack Staats vs. Fitz Cravens; six rounds at 133 pounds at 3 p. m.

Al Smith vs. Leg Decker, both of Roswell; four rounds at 150 pounds.

Herrick and Gordon began their preparatory work at Roswell this afternoon.

Considerable interest is manifested in the ten-round special event between John Connolly, the 128-pound Roswell favorite, and Harry Langdon, a rugged mixer from El Paso. These boys will box for the featherweight championship of eastern New Mexico. The distance is ten rounds and both boys have deposited a substantial forfeit to make 125 pounds at 5 o'clock the day of the contest. Herrick and Gordon will weigh in at the same hour and on the same scales.

Says the fight expert of the Roswell News:

"The majority of the fans continually remark that it is impossible for Herrick and Gordon to put up a better scrap than the Herrick-York contest. Such a statement is absurd, as Gordon is far superior to York as a ring man. While it is true that York is a willing mixer, he is far from being in the same class with Gordon."

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FIGHTING GHOST TO  
MEET SMAULDING  
MONDAY NIGHT

Mark Levy Closes Deal with Jack O'Leary this Afternoon for Battle Between Big Fellows in Elks Theatre

Mark Levy, proprietor of the New Mexico Athletic club, this afternoon closed a deal with Jack O'Leary, manager of Jeff Clark, of Joplin, Mo., the "fighting ghost," for a match with Al Smoulding of Albuquerque in Elks theatre Monday night, April 13th.

Smoulding and Clark fought ten rounds to a draw before four hundred Silver City fans last week, the Missouri fighter claiming that he should have had the decision. However, the referee and the newspapers were against the Ghost's personal view of the matter and Albuquerque backers of Smoulding claim that the clever colored man can whip Clark when they meet again.

Clark is one of the top notches in the fighting game and has met some of the best men in the country. The men will fight at 165 pounds. Both are in perfect training, having trained hard for the bout at Silver City. Both men will work out at the Athletic club's gymnasium tonight and the fans are invited to see them. The returns from the city election will be bulletined at the gymnasium during the evening.

The fight between Clark and Smoulding should be one of the best ever seen in Albuquerque. As all local fans know, Smoulding whenever he fights, fights for all there is in him and his opponent, and a good bout can be promised.

FINE NEW CLUB  
HOUSE WILL BE  
BUILT AT ONCE

Albuquerque Country Club Building Committee About Ready with Plans for Attractive Home at Golf Links

Plans for the construction of an attractive club house for the newly organized Country Club are rapidly taking shape. It is hoped to start the building next month.

The building committee, which is made up of H. R. Pollock, chairman; Dr. A. D. Shortle, A. H. McGaffey, Dr. David Ross Boyd, James F. Mullen, Albert Grunfeld and P. F. McCanna, met last night to look over various plans. While no actual decision has been decided upon yet, the committee are agreed as to several important points.

The building will be of brick and pebble dash. There will be a spacious "living room," and in addition to a cafe, there will be a dining room for special occasions.

Living room, dining room and cafe will be so arranged that they may be all thrown into one big room for dances, fetes, card parties and similar occasions. There will, of course, be a roomy porch, and probably a sun parlor.

The building will be so designed that additions may be put up at any time without either tearing down any part of the structure already built or changing the general design. It will be one of the prettiest club houses in the state and one of the most attractive and suggestive in the southwest.

It is the committee's intention to press the work of building with all speed. If present plans are realized

JURY UNABLE TO  
AGREE IN BIG  
DAMAGE SUIT

After Deliberating All Night Jurors with Heavy Eyes Deliver Western Meat Company Case Back to Court.

After having remained out all night, the jury in the case of George Eloch against the Western Meat company, for \$10,000 damages, reported to Judge Reynolds this morning that it was unable to reach an agreement. The jury was discharged. It retired with the case at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and reported at 10:45 o'clock this morning.

It is not known how the jury stood. The jurymen showed in their faces the evidence of their long deliberation, and sleepless night. They had been served with meals in the jury room.

This is the first case of an all-night jury session at this term of court. Jurors in civil actions rarely, if ever, remain out longer than the one in this case under any circumstances, as a night passed without an agreement is more or less conclusive evidence of a hopeless division, and almost invariably calls for a discharge of the jury. At the last term of court a jury went out at 4 o'clock one afternoon and stayed out until 3:30 the next morning, but on that occasion an agreement was reached the long session.

Eloch claimed damages for alleged malicious prosecution. Two years ago he kept a restaurant on Central avenue two doors below the present New Mexico Cafe, and contracted a bill with the Western Meat company. A clerk in the employ of the company named Ortega, after several collection calls on Eloch, had him arrested on a charge of obtaining goods under false pretenses. This was in December, 1912. Two days later Justice of the Peace McClellan dismissed the action.

Eloch, in his suit, contended that Ortega, acting for the company, made him the victim of malicious prosecution and that the company was liable for the damages he claimed. The company's defense was that Ortega acted on his own responsibility in the matter, and that the company not only did not instruct him to take any such action but was ignorant of his intention to do so.

W. C. Hensbeck and R. L. Moore were Eloch's lawyers and the meat company was represented by G. S. Kloek. It is understood that the case will be pressed to a second trial.

Passenger Sues A. T. & S. F.  
Mrs. G. W. Sawyer, through her attorney, M. C. Spicer, filed suit today against the A. T. & S. F. Railway company for \$3,000 damages. She alleges that last July 21 she bought a ticket here for Trinidad, Colo., and boarded train No. 2. The conductor took her ticket, she alleges, and gave her a receipt check. At Las Vegas, it is alleged, another conductor approached her and demanded a ticket from that point. In answer to her statement that she had already given up a ticket to Trinidad, the second conductor is alleged to have addressed abusive language to her, and at Hatch, she says, she was put off the train and turned over to three policemen. After ten minutes' detention, she alleges, she was allowed to board the same train and proceed upon her way.

Mrs. Sawyer is allegedly a widow and claims that the occurrence brought on a nervous attack from the effects of which she was confined to her bed for several days.

Probate Court.

In the probate court today, Judge John Harry Hurr appointed Mrs. Elizabeth Trauth guardian of the person and estate of her three children.

Laurence F. Lee was appointed administrator of the estate of J. F. Lee.

The will of Charles E. Glickler was

approved. The bulk of the estate, which includes valuable realty holdings in this city, is left to the widow.

PAY YOUR POLL  
TAX OR BE SUED  
SAYS THE BOARD

The city board of education last night instructed its secretary to proceed with the collection of all delinquent poll tax by suit, unless paid at once. The poll tax for this year becomes delinquent May 1st and any persons who have failed to pay the necessary dollar to the clerk of the school board on or before that date will be subjected to the cost of a suit.

DESTROYER AYLWIN IS  
WRECKED BY EXPLOSION

(By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.)  
Norfolk, Va., April 7.—Filling fast, her side plates blown out, forward deck torn up, and funnels wrenched out of place, the Destroyer Aylwin was towed to the navy yard here today and docked, bringing the story of how one of her firemen was killed and two seriously injured yesterday in an explosion off Diamond Shoals. Naval officers estimated the Aylwin could have kept afloat not more than five hours longer.

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